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$\frac{\textbf{ESCORT SERVICE OWNER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED}}{\textbf{INCOME TAX EVASION}}$

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Roy B. Hoskins, the owner and operator of Companions escort service in Salt Lake City, Utah, was sentenced to 60 months in prison today by Judge Dee Benson, the Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced. Judge Benson also ordered Hoskins to pay \$817,895 in restitution and to serve three years of supervised release. Hoskins was remanded immediately into custody.

On May 8, 2009, Hoskins pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with two counts of tax evasion. There was no plea agreement in the case.

According to the indictment, Hoskins knowingly omitted from his tax returns substantial income from his ownership of Companions.

On March 16, 2010, Judge Benson <u>convicted Jodi Hoskins</u>, another operator of Companions, of tax evasion.

John A. DiCicco, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department's Tax Division, commended the special agents from IRS Criminal Investigation Division who investigated the case as well as Tax Division attorneys Monica Edelstein and Leigh Kessler who prosecuted the case. Acting Assistant Attorney General DiCicco also thanked the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Utah for their assistance in this matter.

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